AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0018] as follows:

FIG. 1 is a schematic illustration of a system for generating a policy for managing state changes among disparate applications. The system can include a set of disparate applications 110A, 110B ~~100B~~, 110n such as document editors, Web application servers, database servers, and utility applications such as virus scanning software. The operation of the applications 110A, 110B ~~100B~~, 100n can be monitored and managed in a visual portal view consisting of a multiplicity of portlet views 120A, 120B, 120n. Each portlet view 120A, 120B, 120n can be communicatively coupled to a corresponding one of the applications 110A, 110B, 110n.

Please amend paragraph [0021] as follows:

Importantly, a policy interface unit 130 can be provided which can process patterns (not shown) to be found in content rendered by the portlet views 120A, 120B, 120n. More specifically, the policy interface unit 130 can maintain a set of patterns each abstracting a portion of the content within the portlet views 120A, 120B, 120n. The abstraction can relate to one or more possible state changes within the application 110A, 110B, 110n corresponding to the portlet views 120A, 120B, 120n. In this regard, individual state changes within any one of the applications 110A, 110B, 110n can be visually reflected in markup defining corresponding ones of the portlet views 120A, 120B, 120n. Thus, an abstraction can be defined for that portion of the portlet views 120A, 120B, 120n which may reflect [[an]] a state change in a corresponding one of the applications 110A, 110B, 110n. Notably, the pattern is not limited strictly to the an abstraction of content and also can include a periodic event such as a clock event.